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## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

### Railroad Meeting.

#### Appointment of a Co-operative Committee.

On Thursday evening last, pursuant to call of the Mayor, a meeting of citizens of Harrisonburg was held at the Court House, for the purpose of appointing a committee from the town to co-operate with the county committee to make report as to the best and speediest means to secure a branch from the Shenandoah Valley Railroad to Harrisonburg and west of this place.

The meeting was called to order and Mayor Bryan was made chairman. Remarks were made by Messrs. G. E. Sipe, J. D. Price, J. L. Sibert, B. G. Patterson, J. P. Hogue, and others. A motion was made that the chair appoint a committee of ten as a co-operative committee upon the part of the town. An amendment was offered to make the committee but five. After discussion it was decided to appoint a committee of ten.

The chairman then appointed the following as the committee: J. L. Sibert, Charles A. Sprinkel, John Donovan, Joshua Wilton, P. E. Southwick, James L. Avis, Herman Wise, Jacob Messerle, O. B. Roller, W. M. Hazlegrove. On motion, the Mayor was added to the committee.

The above committee is a good one and is composed of men of business capacity who will, we believe, be energetic in the prosecution of the matter in hand.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned, after which the committee met, and on motion Mayor Bryan was made chairman, with instructions to call a meeting of the committee at the Council Chamber, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday, November 23d, (to-day) which meeting the county committee are requested to attend. The meeting was called in the day time especially to accommodate the convenience of the county committee residing in the county out of town. We hope the meeting to-day may be well attended by the members, and that this important subject may receive the attention that the public interests so earnestly demand. There is no railroad enterprise that is of more importance to the people of this county than the building of a branch from the Shenandoah Valley Railroad westward through Rockingham. A glance at the connections it will give to us is sufficient to satisfy any one. Instead of the roundabout way by which we now reach Richmond we will have a more direct route and shorter, with cheaper travel and freight charges. The time to New York or Philadelphia will be shorter, the route more direct and the travel and freight charges greatly lessened. Should the road be carried on west from this place, which it would be most probably, it will strike a connection with the railroad now building from Pittsburgh through West Virginia, and give us direct communication with Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, and from these points in all directions West, Southwest or Northwest, besides placing us close to coal and abundance of iron, lumber, etc.

Competition between railroad lines is always healthy for the people, and that is what we are striving for. The productions of this county are yet in their infancy compared to what they will be when fully developed, and that development depends upon railroad connections to a large extent, bringing us in close proximity to different markets and at the same time affording us greatly reduced freight and travel rates from these we are present pay. We urge upon the friends of this great enterprise the necessity for informing our people as to the results that will flow from this railroad connection. Our columns are open for a full discussion of the subject in every aspect that can be presented. Space forbids us saying more to-day.

Let all the committee-men be at the meeting to-day at the Council Chamber in this town, and let there be a practical movement made that will have practical results.

INVITATION.—"Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cochran request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mollie E., to Oliver L. Rhodes, Thursday evening, Nov. 23d, 1893, at 8 o'clock, Madison Ave. M. E. Church, Baltimore." The above is a correct copy of an invitation sent us by our young friend Oliver L. Rhodes. The card is beautifully and neatly engraved, and is on gilt-beveleged Bristol board. Thank you, Oliver. We cannot be there, but extend our warmest congratulations to both the bride and yourself. You are just entering upon the most serious business of your life and we cannot express here fully our ardent hopes for your prosperity and happiness in your new relation. Hope to meet you ere very long.

We desired and intended to say something in this issue in regard to the present mode of farming and other industries in this section; something as to stock raising; something as to changing our methods of farming, etc., but we must defer it. We propose to make some suggestions to our people which we feel sure will be to their interest, but as these suggestions will be in the nature of "food for thought," matters for reflecting over before taking action, of course there need be no haste.

The thanks of the citizens of East Market street are due to Chief-of-police Braithwaite for the promptness with which he had the plank walk repaired, after the COMMONWEALTH'S notification of last week. Next, if Ernest Strayer don't remove that ugly bush, to which we called attention last week, we shall appeal to the chief-of-police, for he gives attention to business with commendable alacrity.

### Shall the Breath go Out?

One of the arguments used in opposing water-works for this town is, that certain persons would find the tax such a burden that they would be compelled to leave town. That is all well enough and might be regarded as a strong argument against the proposed improvement. But the lack of water and other needed improvements makes a lack of enterprise, keeps away manufacturing establishments, and thus makes business dull and the town generally unthrifty and non-progressive. What is the effect of this condition of things? Why have already the past Fall and thus far into the Winter lost from twenty to thirty of our citizens, and we may reasonably expect more to go if there is not a change pretty soon. Which would be best, to lose young and energetic citizens, who feel a desire for a more active life with improved chances of success in business, or lose the few who say they would go if compelled to pay the tax that might be necessary to put water works in operation?

There is no use in chopping words long or upon the subject of water. We must either have the water works, together with other needed improvements by which to make life tolerable, or we may as well "fence in" the town. Nobody is coming here to invest money so long as the present policy of standing still prevails, and for no better reason than that it may cost more money to move forward.

We hope our people will arouse themselves to a sense of their condition; compare what they are with what they might be, and at the next corporation election make the question water or no water an issue for voters to decide. The issue must come, and the sooner the better.

Our water supply at present consists of a couple of old barrels, a one-horse wagon, a wheezy old horse, and a half-paralyzed and half-blind negro, and we do not hesitate to aver that the whole thing is a disgrace to any town that makes the pretensions that Harrisonburg does.

The past Fall has not been extraordinarily dry, and yet all the wells are low, the cisterns nearly dry, and the big spring the last hope of all. Those who are so unfortunate as to live away from the public square must look to an uncertain source of supply, (that named above) one that is very expensive and attended with vexations and troubles to which no citizen of a "progressive" town should submit. We have been cheated and fooled upon this question long enough, and we now invoke the aid of all who favor progress and improvement in effecting a radical change in the question of water. It is time to assert the power of the people—to assert the supremacy of the public voice at the ballot-box.

The tax rate has been reduced in Harrisonburg to a merely nominal sum, from \$1.55 down to 70 cents, we believe, and with a surplus on hand. Let the taxes be placed at \$1.00 or \$1.25, and there should have been no reduction below the last named sum, and the increased revenue from the tax will pay the interest on the bonds necessary to put the water works into operation, and the water-works will create a sinking fund sufficient to pay off the bonds at maturity.

The public health, to say nothing of public convenience, requires that a practical water supply be provided. It should be adequate for all purposes, including manufacturing. This must be done or we can "pull down the blinds" and "shut up shop," for there will remain no longer any doubt but that "the breath of the engine has gone out."

DEATH OF MRS. HUSTON.—Died Nov. 12, 1893, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Wm. V. Bell of Mt. Sidney, Augusta county, Va., Mrs. Margaret Huston, wife of Col. Archibald Huston dec'd., of this county, in the 70th year of her age. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church for nearly 60 years. Her funeral took place from the residence of A. M. Effinger, Esq., in this town on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, the funeral discourse being preached by Rev. Dr. Bowman, of the Presbyterian church. Her remains were followed to Woodbine Cemetery by a large number of bereaved relatives and many friends. She was the mother of a large family of children; among them Maj. George Huston, formerly of this place, who laid down his life while gallantly fighting for the cause of the South during the late war. Dr. James M. Huston, another son, resides in Alabama, and another in Missouri. Several married daughters reside in this and Augusta counties, whilst others of her children preceded her to the grave. She survived her husband, a well-known and esteemed citizen of this county and a gentleman of the olden times by a quarter of a century or more, and was left with a family of youthful sons and daughters to raise and she performed the duty well. At last she rests from life's labors, and her spirit has found entrance to the mansions of the blest and admission to the presence of Him to whose service she devoted so much of her long life.

ABOUT WEATHER.—The weather has started to winter within a week past, and overcoats for out-door wear are a necessity, and good fires within the house necessary for comfort. Speaking of fire reminds us that there is a large amount of promised wood due us, and common honesty should compel its delivery. The ground is very dry, there not having been a good rain for seven or eight weeks. This dry period, especially while the weather was moderate, was probably not so good for the growing wheat, particularly for that sowed late. If the weather should become warmer a rain now would do good, but the indications now predict snow, which would be a welcome covering for the wheat-fields at least.

The scarcity of water in many of the wells and cisterns about this town makes rain or snow an urgent need. Water hauling is going on with much vigor and many people are subjected to great inconvenience and considerable expense to procure it in this way.

The village of Dayton has purchased a Public Library of one hundred new volumes of Harper Bros.

### The Little Banana Peel.

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

Like a bar of the beaten gold  
I gleam in the summer's sun;  
I am little, I know, but I think I can throw  
A man that will weigh a ton.  
I send out no challenges bold,  
I blow me no vaunting horn,  
But foolish is he who treadeth on me;  
He'll wish he had ne'er been born.  
Like the flower of the field vain man  
Goeth forth at the break of day;  
But when he shall feel my grip on his heel  
Like the stubble he fadeth away;  
For I lift him high up in the air,  
With his heels where his head ought to be;  
With a down-coming crash he maketh his mash,  
And I know he's clear gone upon me.

I am scorned by the man who buys me;  
I am modest and quiet and meek,  
Though my talents are few, yet the work  
that I do  
Has oft made the cellar doors creak.  
I'm a blood-red Republican born,  
And a Nihilist fearless I be;  
Though the head wear a crown, I would  
bring its pride down,  
If it set its proud heel upon me.

### Our Wealth.

There is nobody in Rockingham who has even the slightest conception of the mineral wealth lying buried in our hills and mountains. Every day new discoveries are being made, and the excitement in this regard is increasing. But there is wealth not only in minerals and metals, but in almost every other valuable product. There are marl beds; marble of various hues and susceptible of the finest polish; coal in large quantities; and, in metals, iron, lead, copper and perhaps others. The problem as to the means of developing these vast storehouses of wealth is one that should engage general attention. Over one hundred years ago iron was made in the vicinity of Cootes' Store, and the old stack, moss and vine grown all over, stands yet to remind us of this later generation that was once located there a seat of wealth, and we are pointed to the spot by the pile of stones, yet standing as a monument to the industry of our forefathers, which we have not imitated. Only this week Mr. J. D. Price has secured the optimum, we learn, upon the lands of Tim Quinlan, Esq., not far from Linville Station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and not over three and a half miles north of this place, for the purpose of mining iron ore, and the probable erection of a furnace to manufacture iron pigs, and the possible erection of a forge to make blooms.

A few miles Northwest of this place lead is being mined, coming from the ground almost pure, and the deposit is believed to be inexhaustible, certainly within this century and possibly within the half of the next. Other lead veins have been within a week or two uncovered near Linville's Creek, and the manufacture of lead bars may be reasonably expected to be an industry of this vicinity within a reasonable period. Northern capital has already become interested in the development of the lead industry, and it may be the precursor of other investments when our wealth in minerals and metals becomes better known. Upon the lands of Dr. John Q. Winfield, in this county, has been found splendid specimens of marble, blue, black, gray, red, and variegated, that takes a high polish, and which is as handsome as any to be found in America.

Near Eddom marl beds may be found, of considerable extent, and probably quite rich. In the Blue Ridge east of us there is copper and iron in abundance. To the west of this place, coal and lumber, and in all directions valuable minerals or metals can be found ready for development, and whilst we are complaining of our poverty we are sleeping over beds of golden wealth. Is there no way to arouse our people to a proper appreciation of the gifts bestowed upon us so lavishly by a bountiful Creator? Can no way be devised to utilize some of this great wealth? We should think so, if proper efforts are made.

We can at least endeavor by proper means to let others know what we have here and ask their help to develop our resources. The discoveries being made in Virginia show that Pennsylvania is poverty-stricken in comparison with this old State, if our wealth be only fairly developed. Unite capital, become energized, go to work in earnest, and do what you ought to do, and soon the stream of industrial enterprise will set in this way, and Virginia will no longer be neglected or barren.

Perhaps, Mr. Foggy, you think this is all imaginary. In response we invite you to go and see for yourself. You will probably see before you return more than you anticipated before starting. Besides, you may catch some of the enthusiasm of those you meet, and it will do you no harm, unless it kills you. Go. We invite all the world to come and see, each for himself. We have enough and to spare of real wealth. Give us your help, and together we can find colossal fortunes right in our midst. This is no idle dream.

How can this wealth be reached, you ask? By combining capital and investing it. Get out of the old rut of "only letting a dollar go out where you see two dollars coming back." If one cannot accomplish the development necessary at a single spot let two do it. If more are necessary add three, four or five or ten. Combine the money of as many as may be necessary. That is the way money is made, fortunes piled up, great works accomplished.

The Creator has put it all here. Obey His command to improve the talents committed to you. The Church Sociable and Parlor Concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Recreational Fund Association, will be held at the residence of Judge Harris, on Friday evening, December 1st. A varied and pleasing program will be presented, and it is earnestly hoped that the ladies and gentlemen of the town and vicinity will avail themselves of this opportunity for an evening of rare enjoyment.

A FEW WORDS OF OURSELVES.—Those who will aid us by circulating the slips we send out to them and presenting our claims for patronage among their neighbors. We are devoting more attention to the real interests of our people than any paper published in this section and we wish to make that fact known. The COMMONWEALTH has been for years a better paper than the support it received justified. It has been the victim of unmerited, unmitigated and unjust persecution, because it has boldly stood up for sound principles and correct doctrines. Many have discontinued their support because it did not believe as they believed politically, forgetting in all other respects it was their best friend, looking far ahead of any other paper to the material welfare of the community at large.

We shall remain as in the past true to those principles of government we believe right. We shall, however, devote ourselves more than ever to the real interests of the people of Rockingham and adjacent counties, and hope our efforts in this direction will meet the approval and merit the support of the public generally.

We ask all of our friends to do a favor for the COMMONWEALTH. Speak to your neighbors about it. Ask their patronage; urge them kindly but earnestly to subscribe for it. Hold up our hands in this way and we shall give you a better paper in every respect, and a paper that Rockingham people will be proud of.

The price of this paper is the lowest; it's mode of subscription the easiest—being for two, four, six or eight months or a year, each two months at the low price of 25 cents. Subscribe for such length of time you desire. When your subscription expires the X mark will notify you, and we promptly stop the paper when the time expires for which you pay, you will not receive it unless you renew your subscription.

Again we would earnestly urge our friends to come to our help in this matter. Each one can do something, if they will but try. We need your co-operation or we would not ask it. Hence the earnestness of our appeal to you. And begin at once. The Winter is here and every man should have a county paper. We offer the best and the cheapest. Compare it with any other, if you wish, and we are willing to abide by your decision. Let us stand together for the promotion of our common interests, each helping the other, and it will be better for all.

Let us see who we shall hear from first. Start lists right at home. Send us your list of names and the money every Tuesday, and the paper will come right along, and you will receive a newspaper that you will not blush to have in your family, nor one that you will have to take out behind the barn and examine before you can confidently take it into the bosom of your family for perusal. Try it. Try it at once. Read the terms.

FAST MAIL.—We do not know whether we are on the line of the "fast mail" South or not, but presume not, as we received the Baltimore Sun of Saturday on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. A few more able mail "dispatchers" over the route from Baltimore to Staunton, would probably enable us to get a Baltimore paper anyhow by the time it was a week old. Trotter's old stage line was about as good and efficient as the present mail facilities. Civil service reform is needed badly in postal affairs, but we do not expect much of that until there is a change of masters. At present to secure a place competency is not a requisite. The question is: how do you stand politically? If that is satisfactory the difficulty is all over. If the government would establish a "night school" for many of its employees it would probably be an advantage. As it is now it is shameful. We can, however, promise a change after November, 1894. Yet the lesson of the last election may not be without its effect. We shall see.

### Religious Notes.

The revival meeting at Whitesell's church, which recently closed, resulted in 19 conversions and 11 accessions to the church. Rev. J. E. Hott began a protracted meeting at Mt. Clinton last Sunday. The quarterly meeting of Dayton U. B. station was held at Dayton last Sabbath. Bishop John Dickson preached morning and evening. A large congregation was present. A new United Brethren church was dedicated November 12th, near Weyer's Cave Station, Augusta county. The Shenandoah Valley Assembly was permanently organized last Friday, and arrangements made for the Assembly's meeting on the camp-ground, near Mt. Jackson, next August. The ground will be enclosed, a small gate-fee will be charged and a program rich and varied is promised by the managers. Rev. J. W. Howe spent last Sabbath at Dayton.

Monday was fair but quite a cool day. The crowd in town was not extraordinary—about an average. Money ruled tight, and there were more speculators than articles for speculation. The Court began at an earlier hour than usual. The proceedings will be heard elsewhere. The ground was dry, and a good many fellows seemed to partake of the same feeling, and proceeded to dampen their gullets with frequent "snips."

Auctioneering was lively. But few agricultural implements were on exhibition, and these fodder and straw trucks. A few buggies, carriages and wagons were on sale. In the last couple of years grocerymen have resorted to many devices to put up roasted coffee, but one of the best we have yet seen is that of Messrs. Snell & Myers, who put up the celebrated and popular "Bucket Coffee." It is a good article, besides the bucket is a matter of considerable value to housekeepers. Try Snell & Myers' Bucket Coffee. You will be pleased with it. The coffee is certainly good and will give you satisfaction.

The beautiful fall weather has favored a large attendance of the smaller children, in our public schools.

DALE ENTERPRISE, VA.,  
Nov. 18th, 1893.

One noticeable feature of this section is the great scarcity of news that seems to prevail just now. In all the phases of life, peace and quiet seem to preclude the ruling elements of the entire social fabric. Many people in our section are, at present, suffering from distressing colds. The attendance of pupils upon the public schools is somewhat seriously affected by this cause.

Ab'm. Simmers, Newton Rhodes and John S. Swartz, of the vicinity of Simmers' mill, have recently returned from a pleasure trip to the mountains. One night they camped in regular backwoodsman style, under a large spruce near the fountain head of Dry River. The only incidents of their trip were the sight of a bear and a bank or two of snow.

The fine, enjoyable weather of the first part of the week has been followed by a cool wave. In the general absence of rain within the past four weeks the water in the cisterns and ponds of our section is getting low.

Farmers are pretty well on with their corn husking, the greater part is now stored away and ready for use.

Many people in our community have taken advantage of the present cold snap to butcher their hogs. On every hand the crack of the butcher's rifle announces the close of many a "porker's" career. "Souse and sausage" now forms the chief articles of diet in our community. H. J. L.

### Personal.

Joe T. Logan and wife are visiting the family of Rev. W. G. Eggleston, at Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Maj. S. M. Yost, of the Valley Virginian, Staunton, was in town Monday, also Col. Barbee, of the Bridgewater Journal.

Bishop Dickson preached two sermons last week at Lacey Spring.

Sig. Wise, the confectioner, returned home from Baltimore on Saturday, whence he had gone to purchase goods, including some Christmas stock.

J. L. Sibert, Esq., has dug out and is putting up the foundation for a new building in the rear of the Sibert Building, probably for ware-room purposes.

The Council has re-elected W. A. Braithwaite chief-of-police, and Chas. H. Witts policeman in place of G. W. Willis.

Dr. Frank L. Harris, recently of this place, and a fine dentist, has located at 200 Madison Avenue, Baltimore. We wish our old friend entire success in his new location.

J. A. Loewenbach left on Tuesday morning for Baltimore and New York. He will make his second Fall purchases while absent. Next week the goods will begin to arrive and then look out for a display of Holiday attractions that will eclipse anything this firm has ever shown.

Maj. P. H. Woodward, the energetic agent of the Ches. & Ohio Railroad, located at Staunton, was in town on Monday and busy as usual. For his age Monday has more energy and vim than any man we know of. He's a whole team, and watches the interests of the C. & O. R. R. Co., with both eyes wide open.

### The Tale Tells.

At the 149th Grand Monthly Drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery at New Orleans, on Tuesday (always on Tuesday), Oct. 10th, 1893, the wheel again revolved, and no shadow of suspicion as to fairness rests where Gen'l. G. B. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early of Va., have the sole supervision of the distribution, as they do every month. Names of many winners are withheld from the public at their request. Ticket No. 35,195 drew the first capital prize of \$75,000 (a princely gift), sold in fifths at one dollar each, sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. To M. Chas. Reuss, a thrifty German farmer of Ascension Parish, La.; Gwynn Harris, No. 609 "P" Street, Health Office Inspector, and W. Lewis, of the Co-operative Ice Co., both of South Washington City, D. C., each held another fifth. The second capital prize of \$25,000 was in like manner sold in fifths to ticket No. 49,753, one fifth held by Sam. Hobson, a travelling salesman of Memphis, Tenn.; another to a party at Crawfordville, Tenn., and so on. Ticket No. 39,354 drew the third capital prize, two of \$6,000 each—sold in fifths—one to F. Sanean, the proprietor of the *Thibodaux* (La.) *Sentinel*; one to G. C. Hunting, New York City, etc. Space cannot be given except for a few brilliant examples of those who ventured and won—next!

SCHOOL MEETING.—There will be a public meeting of the patrons, and all persons interested in the success of the school, at the school-room at Mt. Crawford, Saturday afternoon next at 1 o'clock, to take steps for the erection of a suitable school building. Rev. Dr. Callender and Prof. Hawse and Hulvey will be present and address the meeting. Let every one turn out and encourage by his presence so laudable an undertaking.

The vindication of any of nature's laws brings its warning by the feeling of discomfort. Exposure will induce colds, throat diseases, consumption, etc., all of which give warning by a troublesome cough. Use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in time, and remove both the cause and effect of your discomfort.

Miss Laura Rice, daughter of David Rice, dec'd., departed this life, after a lingering illness, near Rushville, Nov. 8th. Her body was laid to rest in the Ottobine cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Rev. J. E. Hott preached the funeral discourse.

Ernest Strayer has not yet dug up or chopped down that bush in front of his new house, that hangs out over the sidewalk. A handsome house is not improved by being hid behind an ugly, scrubby bush.

The Haymakers meet at Odd Fellows' Hall to-night (Thursday). Be on hand at 7 o'clock.

Melvin Jacobs, son of J. W. Jacobs of Bridgewater, was instantly killed, while on duty as a brakeman, on the Chicago Division of the B. & O. R. R., on Nov. 9th. His remains were brought home on Saturday, and interred in the cemetery at Bridgewater on Sunday, 12th.

Indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, nausea, etc., cured by using Brown's Iron Bitters.

### Valley Rail Road.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Valley Rail Road was held yesterday, at the office of Sheffield and Bumgardner in this city.

W. A. Burke, Esq., presided, and W. S. Townsend, of Baltimore, acted as secretary. A majority of the Stock was represented by the following proxies: Hy. Duvall for Baltimore city; D. H. Miller, for B. & O. R. R. W. Burke, for Staunton; J. S. Gibson, for Rockbridge; W. A. Anderson, for Lexington.

The report of President Spencer for the fiscal year showed gross earnings of the road: \$56,772.10; expenses, \$43,359.97—net earnings, \$13,412.13; an increase of \$1,435.41 over last year.

The net earnings, as far as available, have been applied to the liquidation of the debt due the B. & O. The net reduction of this indebtedness during the year from sale of bonds, earnings, &c., was \$24,538.17. The balance due B. & O. Sept. 30, '92, was \$94,679.95.

While there has been a decrease in the receipts from freight, there has been a very satisfactory increase in both local and through passenger earnings. There has been a material reduction in operating expenses resulting in an increase in the net earnings of 11.89 per cent over last year, and 29.22 per cent over the year before.

In pursuance of instructions from the stockholders a mortgage of \$1,000,000 has been created, and bonds prepared. At the close of the fiscal year \$204,000 of these bonds had been delivered to the B. & O. under contract approved by the Board and stockholders. The remainder in the hands of the Treasurer are to be applied to construction.

The work of construction is progressing favorably and it is thought the road will be open to Lexington during the coming spring. The Board has every reason to believe that the expectation previously expressed with regard to the probable business which awaits the opening of the line to Lexington and co-operative connection with the Richmond & Alleghany will be fully realized. There is a bright prospect for heavy traffic in iron ores. The new line will make the distance between Lynchburg and Pittsburg 48 miles shorter than by any other route.

With the increased revenue and relative economies which can be introduced in the operation of longer as compared with shorter lines, the President thinks that the interest on the mortgage bonds can be readily met when the road is completed to Lexington.

The report was adopted. President Spencer and the old Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected, and the meeting adjourned.—*Valley Virginian Nov. 10.*

### Progressing Finely.

Active Preparations for the National Bazaar at Washington.—The Full Program Published.

The National Bazaar is proving to be well named, as the interest in it is becoming general all over the country. The different States, through their commissioners, are working earnestly in the matter of representative exhibits, and there is no question of the event being a notable one. The preparations within the capital building are progressing finely, and are upon a most extensive scale. The main rotunda will present a very brilliant scene, and the character of the works of art already sent in indicates that the display in this line will be of the highest order. The old and intimate associates of the lamented Garfield, Major Swaim, Col. Corbin, and others, are closely identified with the Bazaar, and the whole Association of the Army of the Cumberland, under the auspices of which the event is held, are striving to the utmost to make it an unequalled success. The detail of the different days is being rapidly arranged in systematic order, and the days and nights will be one round of interesting celebrations.

The B. & O. has just issued an exceedingly neat and attractive programme of the ten days doings, and it must prove of no ordinary value to those contemplating a visit to Washington. The rates will be so favorable that no doubt many will take advantage of them and go. Washington is always a most interesting city to visit, and with the Bazaar in progress will be doubly attractive.

The B. & O. will take the best of care of all, and as it is the only direct line to Washington, few, if any, will think of going any other way. Agents all along the line will be found to be thoroughly posted as to all the details most desired by the public. It should be remembered that the reduction of rates embraces all points on the main line, all divisions and branches.

HIGHLAND ITEMS.—John A. Varner, a highly respected citizen of Highland county, died on the 10th of November. He was an industrious and honest man and was much esteemed.

Mr. J. F. Bird, of McDowell, and Miss Minnie Bird, of Williamsville, in Bath county, were married on the 15th inst. The wedding presents were numerous.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fleisher died suddenly at her residence, about nine miles North of Monterey, in Highland, on the 12th of November, at 4 A. M. She was paralyzed on the Thursday morning previous. She was a member of the U. B. Church, and a lady of marked piety. She was 78 years of age, and widow of the late Andrew Fleisher, a former well-known citizen of Highland.

ACCIDENT.—Johnson Lewis, colored, had his leg broken, about midday on Saturday last, at the lead mine near Hopkins' mill in this county, by the caving in of a large quantity of earth and lead ore. Benj. Ray, white, also sustained severe injuries and bruises. Prompt medical attention was rendered.

Melvin Jacobs, son of J. W. Jacobs of Bridgewater, was instantly killed, while on duty as a brakeman, on the Chicago Division of the B. & O. R. R., on Nov. 9th. His remains were brought home on Saturday, and interred in the cemetery at Bridgewater on Sunday, 12th.

Indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, nausea, etc., cured by using Brown's Iron Bitters.

### Harrisonburg Graded School.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOV. 3RD, 1893.

High School Department.  
Ella Byerly, Bettie Conrad, Bots Lewis, Minor Hoxie, Gussie Patterson, C. M. Butler, Nannie Martz, Eva Pettit, Hunter Cash, Annie Patterson, Nettie Haas, George Davis, Carrie Wheeler, Willie Pettit, Alice Roller, W. L. Decher, A. Kemper, Lottie Yancy, Minnie Phillips, Ed. Martz and Paul Fletcher.

Grammar Department, Section "A."  
Olive Byrd, Ogorretta Clary, Burton Decher, Julia Yancey, Mattie Bower, Carrie Fletcher, George Conrad, Laura Snyder, Huston Effinger, Mudge Johnston, Fannie Patterson, Berbridge Yancy, Lucy McAllister Myra Harrison, and Douglas Hoxie.

Grammar Department, Section "B."  
Ornella McAllister, Pannie Bell, Minnie Bell, Maggie Effinger, Julia Fultz, Annie Rohr, Ola Slater, Eugene Billhimer, P. McCarty, May Ott, Josie Heller Effinger, Snyder, Siddle Morrison, Cattle Allen, George Harrison, Stuart McCreary, Bertha Wise, Jas. Billhimer, Barton Effinger, Gardner Nicholas, A. Kemper, Richard Vannett, Jas. Kavanagh, Howard Voorhes, Amanda Feuchtenberger, Russell Bucher, Katie Anthony, Robert Grat-tan, Willie Clary and Ed. Shue.

Intermediate Department, Section "A."  
Emma Wakenicht, Effie Bagg, Ella McCarty, Bessie Roberts, Verne Slater, Lena Patterson, Mary Bamber, Eugene Gentry, Irene Gentry, Nina Messerly, Ada Countz, Marshall Snyder, Laura Wise, Effie McAllister, Orville Decher, Bertha Loewner, Addie Messerly, Emma Follis, Lottie Irick, Angus Kavanagh, Joe Scanlon, Dora Snyder, Maria Morrison, Louis Snyder, Cora White and Chas. Gray.

Intermediate Department, Section "B."  
F. Blair Olhousen, Robert Compton, John Lewis, Effie Bell, J. Logan Henry Ney, Nettie Byrd, M. Slater Annie Dwyer, Willie Roller, J. Sheake, Claude Wilton, J. Feuchtenberger, Sam'l Bots, E. Wilton Carrie Dwyer, Maud Ott, J. Staling, Bruce Harrison, Ida Shepherd, Willie Patterson, L. McLain, Mollie Hirsch, S. Wise, Payne Avis, Thomas Coffman, Jos. Coffman Gardner Sterling, R. Lupton, B. Gaines, Arthur Wise, Bettie Guyer, and John Byrd.

Primary Department, Section "A." and "B."  
Gilbert Harnsberger, Hattie Effinger, M. Fellows, Bessie Harnsberger, Nellie Tompson and Mary McLaughlin.

The patrons are cordially invited to visit the School during school hours.

Respectfully,  
W. W. ROBERTSON, Principal.

S. S. MASS MEETING.—The Sunday School Mass Meeting, held at the West-Market Methodist church, on Wednesday night, 15th, was well attended and very interesting. The programme was opening, singing by the Sunday School, "Greeting Song." Prayer by Rev. J. E. Armstrong. Address by J. T. Logan—"Object of Meeting and Importance of S. S. Work." Singing. Address by Rev. J. E. Armstrong—theme—"Missions." Singing. Address by Prof. Tyree—"The Evil of the day to be Corrected by Proper Training of the Youth; the Power of Sunday Schools to that End." Singing. Address by Ed. S. Conrad—"Answer to Reasons given why Sunday Schools



